



St John the Divine

Eucharist service

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

18th June 2023



Welcome to our worship and community life at St John the Divine. You are encouraged to participate in whatever way best helps you connect with God, to know how much God loves you and cares about you.

Do come forward with the others to make your communion with God, receiving either the sacrament, or a blessing if you prefer.

You are invited to take this booklet away with you, to be able to refer to the notices in the back - and also to reflect further on the Scripture readings.



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you

And also with you

Welcome and notices.

Hymn: TIS 216 Rejoice the Lord is King

- 1. Rejoice, the Lord is King! your Lord and King adore;
mortals give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**
- 2. Jesus, the saviour, reigns, the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains he took his seat above;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**
- 3. His kingdom cannot fail, he rules both earth and heaven,
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

- 4. He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

Sentence: We have peace through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand

Romans 5.1-2

Let us pray.

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA AND COLLECT

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Let us pray.

All-powerful God,
in Jesus Christ you turned death into life,
and defeat into victory:
increase our faith and trust in him,
that we may triumph over evil
in the strength of the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever. **Amen**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from Genesis 18.1-15

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, 'After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?' The LORD said to Abraham, 'Why did Sarah laugh, and say, "Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?" Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.' But Sarah denied, saying, 'I did not laugh'; for she was afraid. He said, 'Oh yes, you did laugh.'

May your word live in us,
and bear much fruit to your glory

Psalm 116.1-2,11-19

I love the LORD, because he has heard
my voice and my supplications.

**Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

I said in my consternation,
'Everyone is a liar.'

**What shall I return to the LORD
for all his bounty to me?**

I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD,

**I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people.**

Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his faithful ones.

**O LORD, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your serving-maid.**

You have loosed my bonds.

I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the LORD.

**I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people,**

In the courts of the house of the LORD,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Praise the LORD!

A Reading from Romans 5.1-11

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

May your word live in us,
and bear much fruit to your glory.

Gradual Hymn: TIS 105 Let all the world in every corner sing

- 1. Let all the world in every corner sing: my God and King!
The heavens are not too high, his praise may thither fly;
the earth is not too low, his praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing: my God and King!**
- 2. Let all the world in every corner sing: my God and King!
The church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out;
but, more than all, the heart must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing: my God and King!**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew 9.35-10.8
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

This is the Gospel of the Lord,
praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

NICENE CREED

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

Response:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The Spirit of truth comes to convict of sin, of righteousness, and of judgement

Let us open our hearts and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you
in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness
to all who turn to him in faith:
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then they were glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

And also with you. Alleluia.

Offertory Hymn: TIS 511 Let us break bread together with the Lord

- 1. Let us break bread together with the Lord;
Let us break bread together with the Lord:
*When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
Lord, have mercy on me.***

2. Let us drink wine together with the Lord;
Let us drink wine together with the Lord:
*When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
Lord, have mercy on me.*

3. Let us praise God together in the Lord;
Let us praise God together in the Lord:
*When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
Lord, have mercy on me.*

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SURSUM CORDA

The musical score for 'SURSUM CORDA' is written on three staves. The first staff contains the lyrics 'The Lord be with you: And also with you.' The second and third staves contain the lyrics 'Lift up your hearts: We lift them to the Lord.' and 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.' respectively. The music features several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a bracket) over groups of three notes.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross
and rising to new life,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

We give you thanks that
in fulfillment of your promise
you pour forth your Spirit upon us,
filling us with gifts and leading us into all truth.
You give us power to proclaim your gospel to all nations
and to serve you as a royal priesthood.
Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.

**Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise:**

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us,
We are confident to pray,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us,
and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Please come forward to receive communion or a blessing.

SENDING OUT GOD'S PEOPLE

Let us pray.

Gracious God, thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food of the body and blood
of our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Thank you for assuring us of your goodness and love,
and that we are living members of Christ's body.

Father,
**we offer ourselves to you
as a living sacrifice
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

God stir up within you the gifts of the Spirit
that you may confess Jesus Christ as Lord
and proclaim the joy of the everlasting gospel wherever you may be
and the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you, those whom you love and have loved
now and always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ, amen.

Hymn: TIS 215 You servants of God

- 1. You servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol;
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.**

2. **God rules in the height, almighty to save;
though hid from our sight, his presence we have;
the great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.**

3. **Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!
let all cry aloud, and honour the Son;
the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.**

4. **Then let us adore and give him his right:
all glory and power, all wisdom and might,
all honor and blessing with angels above
and thanks never ceasing for infinite love.**

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Thank you for joining in our worship today. We endeavour to provide an after-service 'cuppa' in our meeting room next to the foyer after most Sunday services - you are invited to join us.

Do take this booklet away with you, for reference and further reflection. If you wish to know more about our community life, speak to any of the regulars (often wearing name tags), ask for a welcome brochure, or visit our website.

NOTICES

Rev'd Stewart Taplin is our Locum Vicar for the next few months. Fr Stewart is available on Sundays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and as needed on other occasions. He can be contacted on 0402 080 366

Thank you St John's TDRM Team

Thank you to the wonderful team members who cooked the delicious beef casseroles and assisted in the kitchen at The Dining Room Mission last Tuesday evening. It was a happy team effort, and the meal was very much enjoyed by all.

More than 40 guests sat down to our hearty meal and appreciated the warm hospitality of TDRM on a cold, bleak night.

We also served up 30 takeaway meals for guests and volunteers to give to people they know who are in need and who were unable to attend on Tuesday.

It is always a pleasure and a privilege for our team to be a part of this vital ministry that has been operating from St John's for many years.

Our next turn to cook and serve is on Tuesday 11th July.



Birthdays: Please join us for morning tea today as we celebrate with everyone who has a birthday in **June**

City to City Survey: Last Sunday the link to the online survey was emailed to parishioners, and during the week hard copies were also sent to those parishioners who do not have access to emails.

Please complete the survey as soon as possible

- Hard copies must be given to Fr Stewart **this week**.
- Online surveys must be completed and submitted no later than **June 25th**.

See the Wardens if you have any queries.

Synod representative needed

The parish is seeking two representatives. Please talk to Fr Stewart or one of the Wardens if you are interested.

Congratulations to Don Mackay who was awarded an OAM in the Kings Birthday honours list for services to the Arts.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sun 18 th June	<u>3rd Sunday after Pentecost</u>
	8am Eucharist
	10am Sung Eucharist
	8pm AA meeting
Mon 19 th June	10.30am AI Anon meeting
Tue 20 th June	1pm AA meeting
	5.30pm Community meal: TDRM
Wed 21 st June	10am Said Eucharist
	5.30pm Community meal: Winter Shelter
	7.30pm NA meeting
Thurs 22 nd June	10.30am Croydon Grove
	10.30am AA meeting
	7.30pm AA meeting
Fri 23 rd June	-
Sat 24 th June	7.00am AA meeting
	10.30am Focus on Faith & Friendship
	6.00pm Lai Christian Church
Sun 25 th June	<u>4th Sunday after Pentecost</u>
	8am Eucharist
	10am Sung Eucharist
	8pm AA meeting